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SUBJECT: PRC ENVOYS TO JAPAN, INDIA, SRI LANKA, NEW ZEALAND

SUMMARY: ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, PEKING HAS NAMED ITS FIRST AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN AND A NEW CHARGE' TO INDIA. IN ADDITION, THE NEW PRC AMBASSADOR TO SIR LANKA AND THE FIRST CHARGE' TO NEW ZEALAND HAVE LEFT FOR THEIR POSTS. END SUMMARY

1. LIAO CHENG- CHIH, PRESIDENT OF THE CHINA- JAPAN FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION, INDICATED IN HIS MARCH 10 INTERVIEW WITH YOMIURI THAT CHEN CHU WOULD BECOME PRC AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN. JAPANESE CONGEN OFFICER HERE HAS CONFIRMED THAT THE PRC HAS SUBMITTED CHEN'S NAME TO THE GOJ AND SPECULATED THAT CHEN MAY TRAVEL TO TOKYO BEFORE THE END OF MARCH, AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME THAT JAPANESE AMBASSADOR- DESIGNATE OGAWA GOES TO PEKING. CHEN HAS BEEN THE PRC DEPUTY UN PERMREP SINCE THE CHINESE OPENED THEIR MISSION IN NEW YORK IN NOVEMBER, 1971. IN AUGUST, 1970 HE APPEARED AS A " RESPONSIBLE PERSON" IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY' S INFORMATION DEPARTMENT AND IN APRIL

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1971 WAS IDENTIFIED AS DIRECTOR OF THAT DEPARTMENT. LIKE MANY OTHER FOREIGN AFFAIRS PROFESSIONALS, HE WAS NOT PUBLICLY VISIBLE DURING THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION. HE WAS APPOINTED AMBASSADOR TO GHANA IN JANUARY, 1966 BUT WAS RECALLED IN OCTOBER DUE TO THE DETERIORATION IN RELATIONS FOLLOWING NKRUMA' S OVERTHROW. HIS OTHER FOREIGN AFFAIRS SERVICE INCLUDED ASSIGNMENTS AS DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOVIET UNION AND EASTERN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS (1965). COUNSELLOR OF THE PRC EMBASSY IN MOSCOW (1956-59), AND DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WEST ASIAN AND NORTH AFRICAN AFFAIRS (1964-66).

2. ACCORDING TO UPI ( MARCH 21), MA MU- MING ARRIVED IN NEW DELHI " A FEW DAYS AGO" TO BECOME CHARGE' D' AFFAIRES OF THE PRC EMBASSY THERE. NCNA HAS NOT YET REPORTED MA' S ASSIGNMENT. MA WAS A FIRST SECRETARY IN NEPAL IN 1956 AND WAS FIRST SECRETARY IN NEW DELHI BETWEEN 1956 AND 1963. IN 1964 HE WAS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE PRC FOREIGN MINISTRY' S INFORMATION DEPARTMENT. WE HAVE NO DETAILS OF HIS CAREER SINCE THE BM MA' S APPOINTMENT TO NEW DELHI UPGRADES THE LEVEL OF CHINESE REPRESENTATION THERE, WHICH WAS REDUCED IN OCTOBER, 1971, WHEN THE BANGLADESH SITUATION AND SOURED PRC- INDIAN RELATIONS.

3. HUANG MING- TA, WHO SERVED AS PRC CHARGE' IN NEW DELHI BETWEEN APRIL, 1970 AND HIS RECALL IN OCTOBER 1971, HAS BEEN NAMED PRC AMBASSADOR TO SRI LANKA AND THE REPUBLIC OF THE MALDIVES. HE LEFT PEKING FOR COLOMBO ON MARCH 22 ( NCNA). HUANG HAD EARLIER SERVED AS COUNSELLOR OF THE PRC EMBASSY IN RANGOON BETWEEN MAY, 1965 AND AT LEAST APRIL, 1967. BEFORE THAT HE HAD HELD SEVERAL ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS IN CANTON, INCLUDING THAT OF SECRETARY- GENERAL OF THE CANTON MUNICIPAL PEOPLE' S COUNCIL BETWEEN 1961 AND 1964.

4. FINALLY, NCNA ( MARCH 21) REPORTED THAT SHIH CHIAO, THE FIRST PRC CHARGE' D' AFFAIRES TO NEW ZEALAND, LEFT PEKING FOR WELLINGTON THAT DAY. OUR FILES CONTAIN NO INFORMATION ON SHIH' S PREVIOUS CAREER.  
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